

Dear FCC Chairman:

I would like to ask you not to do anything to void any of Indiana's current telephone privacy laws now in force.

In the past, before the current law went into effect, we were often bothered with telephone solicitors who would repeatedly phone trying to sell products that we did not want or need. When I want to buy windows, siding, etc., I will contact a local merchant and make an appointment for an estimate. Nobody appreciates someone calling them when they are in the shower, eating dinner or taking a nap because you had a rough night and didn't get much sleep. A telemarketer who tries to get me to switch to their telephone service or to buy new windows when we have recently installed windows! Or maybe trying to sell magazines, videos or CD's just because I ordered from them one time from a TV ad. Thanks but no thanks I have better ways to spend my time than rushing to the phone while I am cooking, bathing, eating, resting or maybe even reading or watching TV. It's also a lot of fun to receive these phone calls when you have company and have to give your attention to the phone instead of your visitors.

When the telemarketing companies start paying for our telephone service, then they have the right to bug me, but not until then. As far as I'm concerned, the constant sales calls are harassment.

Also when I'm not at home, my husband who is disabled with arthritis has to try to rush to the phone and this can be dangerous for him. He certainly does not want to ignore the phone ringing in case I'm calling because I have car trouble or some other problem. I have rushed up the stairs from the basement and bumped my knee HARD to find a telemarketer on the line trying to sell me something I don't want and certainly didn't ask for or have any use for. Also we were receiving many solicitations for donations. We certainly can't afford to donate to every charity around but since charities sell your names to other charities, we feel that we need our privacy and do not want to be added to any more telemarketing lists.....

Please do not let the FCC tamper with Indiana's NO CALL lis, it is successful as is...

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